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TAGS: PINT; NG

SUBJ: GON MINISTER CAPT. CYRILLE GABRIEL ARRESTED

REF: AMBASSADORIAL MEMCON FEB. 12, 1975

1. GON ISSUED STATEMENT FEB. 17 THAT CAPTAIN CYRILLE GABRIEL MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORT AND URBANISM RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES FOR SERIOUS BREACH OF DISCIPLINE WHICH THREATENED SECURITY OF STATE.

2. CAPT. CYRILLE WAS ARRESTED FEB. 16 ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER (ARMY NCO). ALTHOUGH RUMORS ABOUND AS TO REASONS HIS ARREST, BELIEVE HIS STRONG OPPOSITION (REF) AND SUBSEQUENT CRITICISM DECISION TERMINATE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY LED TO HIS FALL FROM GRACE.

3. CONTRIBUTING FACTOR MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN CYRILLE'S RECENT EXTRAVAGANT NUPTIAL CELEBRATIONS, A WELL-KNOWN SORE POINT WITH COL. KOUNTCHE AND A PRACTICE WHICH SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL IS ON RECORD AS OPPOSING.BUCHE

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